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Bottle bill biker rolls through

Jennifer Swegles

Martin is another spoke in the wheels for Marge Davis, who is biking across the state to raise awareness for a proposed statewide bottle deposit program.

The Tennessee Bottle Bill would create "an industry built up around a marketable scrap," Davis said on Sunday as she rolled through the city.

Discarded bottles and cans are the No. 1 compo-

nent in litter in Tennessee, and Davis said a bottle bill—which would set up a system where consumers can get 5 cents for returning bottles or cans—would not only help boost recycling efforts in the state, but it would also save beverage distributors money by giving them greater access to recycled plastic and aluminum.

Davis, the founder of the Tennessee Bottle Bill Project, said riding a bicycle

across the state is unusual, just unusual enough for people to pay attention.

She said she wanted to make stops across the state to speak to the "average citizen" and determine support for the bill.

Similar deposit programs are already in place in states like Michigan, New York and Davis' home state of Maine.

"What I want most people to understand is that — See 'Riding' on Page 5



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UTM Professor of Chemistry Phil Davis, Tenn. Bottle Bill Activist Marge Davis (no relation to Phil or Sandy), Sandy Davis and Ross Cormia met at Hospitality House in Union City on Sunday afternoon and rode to a reception on at Phil Davis's home on Baker Road in Martin.

Chambers to stress campus lighting

Will York

Student Government Association President Erin Chambers said on Monday that she will continue to push for stronger campus safety policies, especially regarding crosswalk lighting.

Chambers said she thinks UT Martin is generally safe despite a recent uptick in campus violence across the state, including a dorm room attack at Middle Tennessee State that left a woman critically injured, a violent assault at East Tennessee State and the slaying of University of Memphis football player Tayler Bradford.

"I think for the most part we feel pretty safe at UT Martin," Chambers told The Pacer. "People aren't telling us they're not feeling safe around campus."

MTSU's student government voted down a resolution earlier this month that would have petitioned the Tennessee General Assembly to amend state law to allow faculty, staff and students who have gun permits to carry guns on their Murfreesboro campus.

State law currently prohibits carrying a weapon on school property, but backers of the resolution said changing the rules would help some students feel safer.

Chambers has "no opinion" about introducing similar legislation at UTM.

"I think throughout my administration I've always said I will do what the students want," Chambers said. "If students felt like that's what they needed to feel safe, then we'd do a lot of research into that."

Chambers also said campus police have beefed up their visibility, and a text-message emergency notification system is working according to plan.

Text message alerts and mass e-mails helped alert Memphis, Murfreesboro, Johnson City and Knoxville students of attacks there, and test messages in Martin were successful, officials said.

"Even though we don't want to be in a state of where we're not paying attention to what's going on around us, I think the administration is taking the right precautions," Chambers said.

But UT Martin may be in the dark when it comes to crosswalk safety, she said.

"Crosswalk safety is still a big issue," Chambers said. "I know sometimes people do not slow down and that is in broad daylight. We need to work to get more lighting there."

Chambers said an SGA task force will meet with Public Safety officials next month to discuss improving crosswalk conditions—where accidents involving students and faculty members have been on the rise—and how to better light the fitness trail.

SGA administrations have complained about inadequate lighting at the fitness trail, located near Pacer Pond, for a

— See 'Guns' on Page 6

Students plunge into poverty

Will York

Freshman political science major Phillip Masengill spent an hour Monday scrounging for bus tickets, pleading for a job, selling drugs and showing up for school late, if he made it all.

Masengill was one of 75 students who plunged into poverty in a simulation sponsored by the University of Tennessee at Martin's sociology and social work departments.

Masengill began the simulation as 4-year-old Glen Guten. His 3-year-old brother had asthma, and his mother, 25, had to get by on \$292 a month from welfare and \$315 a month in food stamps.

All the family scenarios were based on the case files of Tennessee social service agencies.

The simulation—broken into four 15-minute segments, each representing a week—gave Masengill a chance to be both the other brother and the mother.

"Some of you will get pregnant in the next hour," said Gwen Joyner from the University of Tennessee Extension program, who led the simulation. "Some of you will get HIV. This is to sensitize you to the day-to-day realities of what low-income people are faced with and how hard it is to get access to resources we take for granted."

"Poverty is not a game for the 37 million-plus people in the country who are living in situations just like this," Joyner said.

Michelle Horton, assistant professor of social



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From top, clockwise: Phillip Masengill stands with family members at the Check Advance line, annoyed with long waits. Masengill's family expresses worry about their financial situation. Erin Chambers is "arrested" when her mother cannot get her to school.

work, said the simulation, which is in its second year, reminds students that stereotypes about poverty are mostly unfounded.

"People tend to be pretty judgmental about people in these circumstances," Horton said. "They think

they can pull themselves up by their bootstraps, but so often that's just not possible."

Masengill, acting as "Glen Guten," made it to school on time the first week while his mother, played by Kayla Lindsey, tried to

get a job at an employment agency. Unfortunately, she wasted that week because the woman in front of her in line got the only available job.

The next week, when Masengill acted as the high-school educated mother, he

raced to the transit office to buy the bus tickets necessary for his children to get to school and for him to find work.

"We're going to have to sell our computer to pay

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Tennessee system endowments pass \$1B

Staff Reports

The University of Tennessee system recently joined about 60 other schools by receiving over \$1 billion in endowments.

This marks a 24 percent gain over last year's total of \$811 million.

The university cites its Campaign for Tennessee, which has raised \$584 million since 2005 for helping to promote it to the billionaire club.

Of the 60 other schools who have amassed over \$1 billion in endowments, Harvard leads the nation

with \$28.9 billion followed by Yale with \$18 billion.

The UT system is not the only Tennessee school to hold over \$1 billion. Vanderbilt University, private college in Nashville, has collected \$2.9 billion.

With many schools now reaching billionaire status, some question whether or not the money is being spent properly.

Despite the many schools gathering billions in endowments, compared to about 15 in the 90s, college tuitions have skyrocketed over the past few decades.

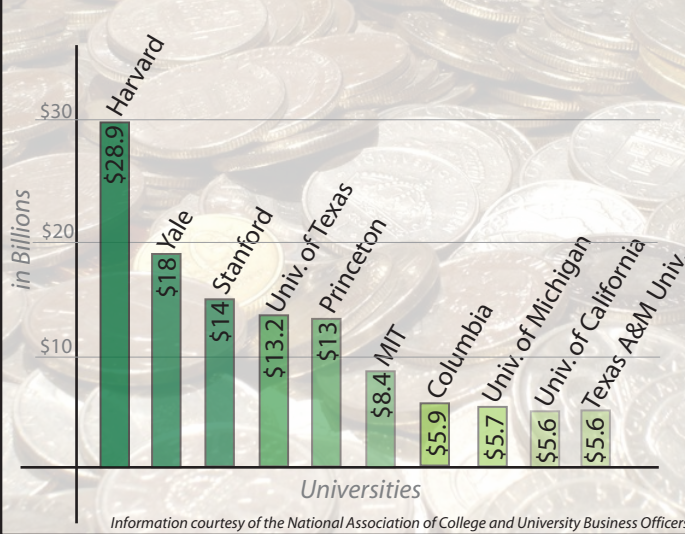
Private foundations are

required by law to spend 5 percent of their endowments on their missions each year. Public charities, like colleges are not required to do this, however.

Lawmakers, like Iowa Republican Sen. Charles Grassley, think that colleges should have to do this as well.

Colleges which traditionally have been loathe to allow federal interference of any type, have submitted their own testimony to Congress elaborating on how the spend the money on public service.

Top 10 Public and Private University Endowments in the United States for Fiscal 2006



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Tomorrow, partly cloudy with a high of 84 and low of 54. Thursday, more scattered t-storms with a high of 83

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JUSTBECAUSE

15%

of Tennesseans are below the poverty line

National percentage: 12.7%

Information courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau



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Our View

Editorial:

Poverty closer to home than you may like

On Monday a diverse group of students met in the UC Ballroom to learn about the effects of poverty in Tennessee and other places. Tennessee has around 700,000 people that fall below the poverty line, roughly 15 percent of the state's population.

When compared to the national average of 12.7 percent below the poverty line, it may seem that Tennesseans are doing OK, but the fact still remains that we are one of the poorest states in the country.

We on the college path like the phrase "poor college student," but how many times have you actually stopped to think about what poverty really is? For some in this country it means sleeping on a park bench at night; for others in the world, it means not eating more than once a week.

The saddest fact of all may be that we as a generation could end poverty both at home and abroad if we would just give a little

of our money. Americans spend \$3 billion on chewing gum in one year: imagine if that money went instead to feeding the hungry. Just ask yourself how many times this month you have had chewing gum and compare that to the number of meals someone might have (or not have) in the same time span.

We at *The Pacer* challenge everyone to get involved in a philanthropic organization at some point in their life, be it now or when you have a steady career.

For those organizations on campus who work diligently to serve others, we commend you.

The next time you claim to be a poor college student, remember people actually do live on this planet without ever experiencing the warmth of a North Face jacket or the pungent taste of a quesadilla from Taco Bell at 12:30 a.m., or even the brilliantly simple texture and composition of a cheap package of chicken flavored Ramen Noodles.

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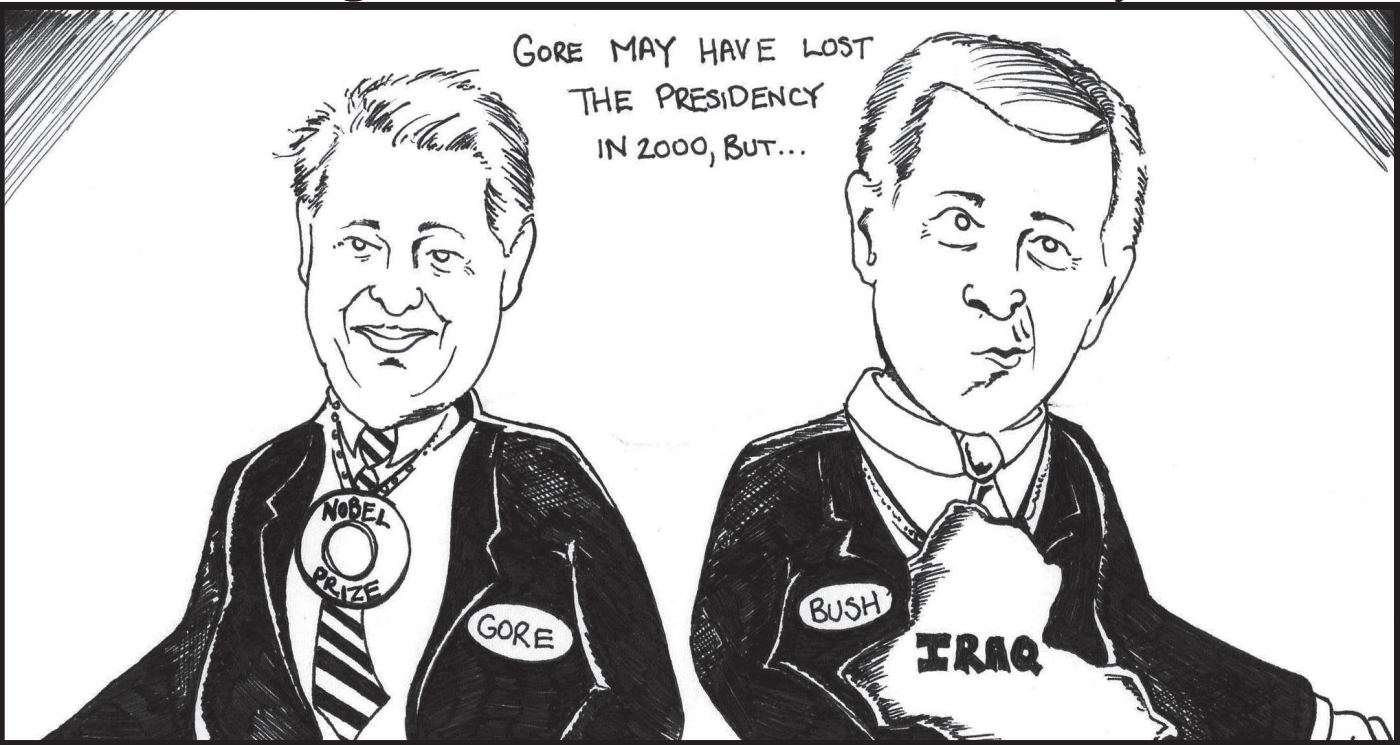
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The Pummeling Pen

By: Eric White



Letter to the Editor

Chapman ignored

Since I cannot voice my opinion to the UTM coaching staff I have decided to write to *The Pacer*. From the very beginning of his freshman year at UTM, *The Pacer* wrote praising articles on Donald Chapman

He was a breath of fresh air to the UTM football team. Under the guidance of Matt Griffin, former coach who should be given credit for the OVC confer-

ence championship last year under his leadership, for the first time this team showed great potential.

Donald Chapman was a major contributor of that. I won't go into all of the accolades this young man has received however, I will say that for all of his hard work and dedication to his team, the current coaching staff, is treating him as used up material that is to be discarded.

This young man is in his final year of playing on a team that won a conference title last year and in large due to him and the exited seniors, is now hardly allowed to play.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution printed an article about Donald on October 3 and spoke of how he was ignored and passed over by colleges (while in high school) because he was not in a school that had

a winning football team.

Now, it seems he is being passed over the very coaching staff that reaped the benefits of his talent last year. No reason has been given as to why this young is not being played. I can only assume his talent is no longer needed or appreciated.

Concerned Community Member
Atlanta, Georgia

Bring on the tailgating with booze



Allie Thomas Guest Columnist

Sports fans, it's football season as you know and last week was Homecoming. There were tents set up with hot dogs and hamburgers and Cokes—but this is football season and I think it's time for those of us above the legal drinking age to act like it and put some cold ones down in the parking lot before the game. It's called tailgating and it's a common tradition at many schools across the nation.

The problem is, however, this is a dry campus and we're not allowed to blow off steam like most schools—UT comes to mind—where even underage drinkers have been known to walk away from understanding police. I also imagine that if students could tailgate this weekend, and at every football game, attendance would skyrocket along with school spirit.

By the end of the game we should all be sobered enough to get home, or at least the next party, and who cares if we win or lose—we're the Skyhawks and our colors look dis-

tastefully similar to those of the Florida Gators—that's reason enough for one beer anyway (orange and blue if you weren't aware). And I'm sorry, but who cares who wins Homecoming? I just see it as an even better reason to forget everything else that's happened this past week and why not the one before?

For the record, we can of course "tailgate," but no alcohol. Sorry, but just as a party isn't a party unless the cops show, it's certainly not a tailgate party without alcohol. How can tailgating be a favorite past time of students on this campus if they are denied some of the most basic elements of a great tailgating event? Food is great, but everyone knows that the alcohol is what truly makes the meal. Spicy foods can only be washed down with a beer.

Sports are a pastime, an escapism if you will, and here in Martin the football games should serve as a great excuse to have a good time. So if you're like me and need something extra to bring a little excitement into this one-horse town get a six pack or more and we can act like real Skyhawk fans for at least a few hours this Saturday.

Bush potential dictator in national crises



Casey McCasland Guest Columnist

In an age of war and terrorism security is on the minds of all Americans. However, how far do we go to be protected? How many Civil Rights must we give up in order to be safe? Or rather, how much power is too much power?

On May 9, 2007, President Bush, without so much as issuing a press statement, signed a directive that granted near dictatorial powers to the office of the president in the event of a national emergency declared by the president. The National Security and Homeland Security Presidential Directive, declares that in the event of a "catastrophic event," George W. Bush can become what is best described as "a dictator":

"The President shall lead the activities of the Federal Government for ensuring constitutional government."

This directive, completely unnoticed by the media, and given no scrutiny by Congress, literally gives the White House unprecedented dictatorial power over

the government and the country, bypassing the U.S. Congress and obliterating the separation of powers.

Bush declares that in the event of a "Catastrophic Emergency" the President will be entrusted with leading the activities to ensure constitutional government. The language in this directive would in effect make the President a dictator in the case of such an emergency.

The directive states that in any national emergency (like 9/11 or Katrina) the President will have power over everything. The most disturbing part of the directive perhaps, is that it gives the President the ability to do away with Congress and other government branches to ensure "the continuity of government."

Regardless of whether you are a democrat or republican, we all need to take a stand against things like this for not only does it mean we (Americans) are being scared in order to forward agendas that may well not be in the U.S.'s best interest (such as Iran) but we are being taken for idiots because how are we supposed to know these things if the media doesn't cover it?

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Diabetes diagnosis provided little prognosis on health insurance, costs of surviving disease

Over the summer, I was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes. This meant I had to start taking three different medicines a day. Normally, this wouldn't be a problem. Except for the fact that I was diagnosed the day before I was to be married, and the day I would be dropped from my father's insurance.

At first, I wasn't too concerned. I thought that surely my husband would have a job with insurance by the time I needed to get these medicines filled. And one of them was a generic brand that I could get for cheap at Wal-Mart.

Finally, my medicine ran out. I still had no insurance, so I asked my parents for help. They had agreed to help me out as long as I was still in college. So I shipped my prescription off to them and thought nothing more of it.

Until my mother called me the next day. A month's



Rachel Moore
Asst. A&E Editor

supply of my diabetic medication was \$137. While this might not seem too expensive, to a college student, that was a lot. I had rent to pay, groceries and gas to buy. And how could I ask my parents to shell out that much money a month?

Of course, if I had insurance, it would only cost me \$20. And it was not a generic pill.

I honestly didn't know what to do. I went through all of my shelves at home and took out anything that had any sugar in it whatsoever. I knew I would really have to watch my diet until the time came when I could afford it. I even looked at Internet sites that promised to give me a two-months supply for only \$40.

Thankfully, I have a wonderful doctor. She gave me a three months supply of one half of the pill I usually took, and made sure the prescription for the other half had a generic brand that I could get for less than \$10 at Wal-Mart. So now, instead of paying over \$140 a month for two pills, I pay \$13 for three. I'd say that was an even trade.

But this made me realize just how unfair insurance companies are. Sure, we all hear stories about the evil's of insurance companies. However, I had always grown up under the safety of an insurance plan. We never had to spend very much on medical bills or prescriptions. That's all changed now.

A visit to my endocrinologist every three months, with blood work, is \$150. If I had to pay the full prince for my medication, that would be \$137 a month. In three months, that would

be almost \$300. Again, not a lot in the grand scheme of things, but a fortune to a college student.

Perhaps the worst part of it all is knowing that, if I didn't have these medications, I could very well become hospitalized or worse. If I didn't have such a wonderful doctor and supportive parents who are willing to help me out in a pinch, who knows where I'd be now? And this happens every day all over the country. People can't afford life-saving medications, and the insurance companies refuse to help them out.

For example, a young woman from my hometown had to have a double lung transplant several years ago. Her insurance company? TennCare. When the TennCare cuts happened, they said they would only pay for seven of her medications. She was taking 15. Not a year later, a

man and a woman from the same town went to prison because of insurance fraud. TennCare hadn't cut them from their program. So they got all their prescriptions filled just so they could turn around and sell them on the street.

Unfair? Absolutely. When new cancer-treating drugs become available, insurance companies don't want to cover it because they say the drugs are too expensive.

What really stinks is knowing that Canada has free health care. I remember reading an interview with Michael Moore after his movie "Sicko" came out. He said that, when he had talked about Canada's health care system at a press conference, a Canadian had stood up and mentioned how crappy that health system was. Then Moore asked him if he would like to trade health insurance cards. The Canadian shook

his head and sat down.

Sure, not all insurance companies are the same way. And I doubt all of them really trick people out of their medications simply because they want to get rich. But it always seems that, no matter what, they come out being the bad guy.

Thankfully, there are people out there who are willing to help out. Local health departments usually offer services and medications at a much lower price, sometimes even for free. PPA and other prescription aid groups help millions of people get the medications they need every day.

Perhaps, one day, there will be no need for insurance companies. Perhaps America, like Canada, will have a health care system where everyone can get the treatment they need. Sure, it might not be the best. But at least you'll be able to have it when you need it.

Yearbooks ready, old books still available

Tomi Parrish
Faculty Adviser

The Spirit yearbook tent at Quad City had its fair share of visitors on Saturday, but too few 1990s-era books left the tent.

Thus, I need your help. The 2005 yearbooks will finally be shipped in November, according to the latest communications I have received from the publisher. I have nowhere to house those books because the yearbook office - 313 Gooch - is loaded with books from bygone times, particularly the 1990s. And I am afraid that parking any more books in that office will totally stress the infrastructure of the building.

See? I really need your help. Students: If you know of anyone who graduated between 1987 and 1999, pass along my contact information, please. I will be happy to mail books to

our alumni. Be advised, too, that if you don't want us to use your Banner photo in the Underclassmen section of the book, you need to send me a good photo with your name and 960 number attached.

Secretaries: If your departments or administrative offices are missing any yearbooks from 1987 to 1999, please contact me. I will be happy to send a box of books to you via a workstudy student.

Organizations, etc: If you keep yearbooks in your organization offices, your sorority lodges or your fraternity houses, let me know if you're missing books from the 1990s. I can deliver them to you.

I do have a note of warning: The yearbook office does not have many books from the 1970s, early 1980s, or 1990, so I cannot provide books from those years.

Meanwhile, the staff is diligently working on the Student Organization

sections of the 2006 and 2007 books. I ask for your patience as they track down advisers and presidents of student groups and ask for old pictures. If my staff doesn't provide a deadline, then consider Thanksgiving your deadline. We are determined to finish at least the 2006 book by Christmas break.

I appreciate the help I've already received from SGA, SAC, Student Life and various student organization members and advisers. If this keeps up, we might actually be able to get The Spirit back on track for a spring 2008 delivery of the 2006 and 2007 books, and a fall 2008 delivery of the 2008 book.

My e-mail address, to which pictures, captions and other information should be sent, is tomimc@utm.edu. For questions, call my office at 881-7558 or drop me an e-mail. I look forward to hearing from you.

Define students by character, not some trivial number



Sara McIntosh
Viewpoints Editor

Standardized testing is the equivalent to unnecessary turmoil and stress for any student even remotely interested in furthering his or her education. The problem arises when you begin to believe that you are the equivalent to that insignificant number they assign to you based on some answers you believed were the best to questions that are meant to trick you up, deceive you and mentally abuse what lingering sense of esteem you may have.

Although it doesn't reflect your actual intelligence, standardized tests demonstrate your ability to prepare for the inevitable to any prospective school that holds the future of your dreams in the palm of their sweaty, money-grubbing hands.

Performing well on these tests is the only motivating force for mental break-

downs, moments of complete and utter hysteria and an ambiance of panic that can only be curbed by a higher intake of knowledge mixed with energy drinks and/or coffee.

All I can truly say, seeing that I am a survivor, is that I loathe the concept behind these tests: grading those just graduating from college in comparison to those who are doctoral candidates is erroneous (as doctoral candidates tend to be highly educated).

It is beyond me on how you are not supposed to take these results personally. Either you perform well and feel a bit of pride and confidence in your ability

to purge irrelevant data that you may never use again in your entire existence, or you bomb it entirely. But, schools see your grade and thus, the only indication of how you will ever perform in their program, and make a judgment call on who you are as a person.

Surely, a school cannot believe you to be that insignificant as by only assuming that you are the numerical equivalent to that score.

Remember, throughout all the heartache and stress of it all, that you are not a number and should not be limited or defined as such. Greatness is human; it breathes and has a heartbeat that is indicative of life in general. Tests do not measure character and are invalid in comparison to a person's true worth in amicable qualities besides miniscule test scores.

Graduation yields appreciation of feats endeavored

Lamar Stenson
Guest Columnist

Time is beginning to wind down for those who will be graduating in December. Soon the third graduating class for 2007 will be making their way down the completed path of their collegiate life. Some will be venturing off into permanent employment, while others will pursue a higher degree of learning.

As a student myself, I will be among those that will be graduating.

I realize that I have some serious decisions to make. I understand the importance of preparing for that wonderful day. However, I feel an uncertainty of whether it is the right time.

I wonder if I am prepared for the challenges that I

will face when I move into the world of reality. I hope I have had enough hads on experience and training to make the jump from school to the job world. I vow to never forget the individuals I have had the privilege of meeting along the way, both professionally and personally, because I have learned the importance of networking in the dreaded reality that awaits me.

I will hold to the teachings that I have gathered from the different professors her at Martin. I will meet every obstacle with a positive face, and after walking that line, I will cry with joy and yell with excitement. I have graduated.

I realize the importance of a degree and I also understand that the fear I have

will only give me strength to move on into a brighter future. I can use this uncertain element of my immediate and pending future to better understand how far I have come as a person and a potential job seeker.

Never the less, I am going to graduate. What an experience it has been with many enlightening moments that are noteworthy and will forever remain with me. I am going to graduate and look forward to the conclusion of this adventure. But, the fun part of this whole element is that I have the adventure of a lifetime: my lifetime to look forward to.

Granted, it may not be worthy of publication in a great, prestigious memoir of many accomplished other people, but, then that wouldn't be my style.

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Political science professor offers insight on politics, '08 election

Wendy Elliott
Pacer Writer

In another lifetime, he might have been an astronomer or even a Supreme Court justice, but in the here and now, he's one of our own – a UT Martin professor of Political Science. His mentor, a fellow professor who he gives credit for some of his most memorable political experiences, can be found right here on campus. He has degrees from both UTM and the University of Alabama.

Meet Dr. Chris Baxter. Below, he discusses his political hero, gives us a crash course on the good, the bad, and the ugly worlds of politics, and even makes a few predictions about the 2008 presidential race.

Q: When did you know that political science was the field for you? Were you involved with any politically-oriented groups in college?

A: I actually had my mind set on going to law school until my junior year of college. I realized that my interest wasn't so much in practicing law but in researching the legal system itself. I was really inspired by my two mentors, Dr. Ted Mosch and Dr. Richard Chesteen; they were, and still are, great role models for how you can make a career in academics a very

rewarding and very meaningful pursuit. They are literally the reason why I am where I am today. Dr. Chesteen actually plays a big role in the second part of your question, too; my big experience with being politically involved came when I helped out with his gubernatorial campaign in 1994. The odds and the money were working against him, but a lot of us deeply believed in him and the campaign. It felt really good to fight for a cause you believe in, and it was a lot of fun.

Q: Have you met any well-known politicians? Any you'd like the chance to meet?

A: In interning with House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh and campaigning with Dr. Chesteen, I was lucky enough to shake hands with a lot of prominent Tennesseans. I haven't really met any big national names, though. If I had my choice, I'd probably like to hang out with some of the U.S. Supreme Court justices.

Q: What fascinates you about politics?

A: For me it started with a fascination with American history. In elementary school we're taught a reverence for political leaders throughout history, and I never let go of that. Our

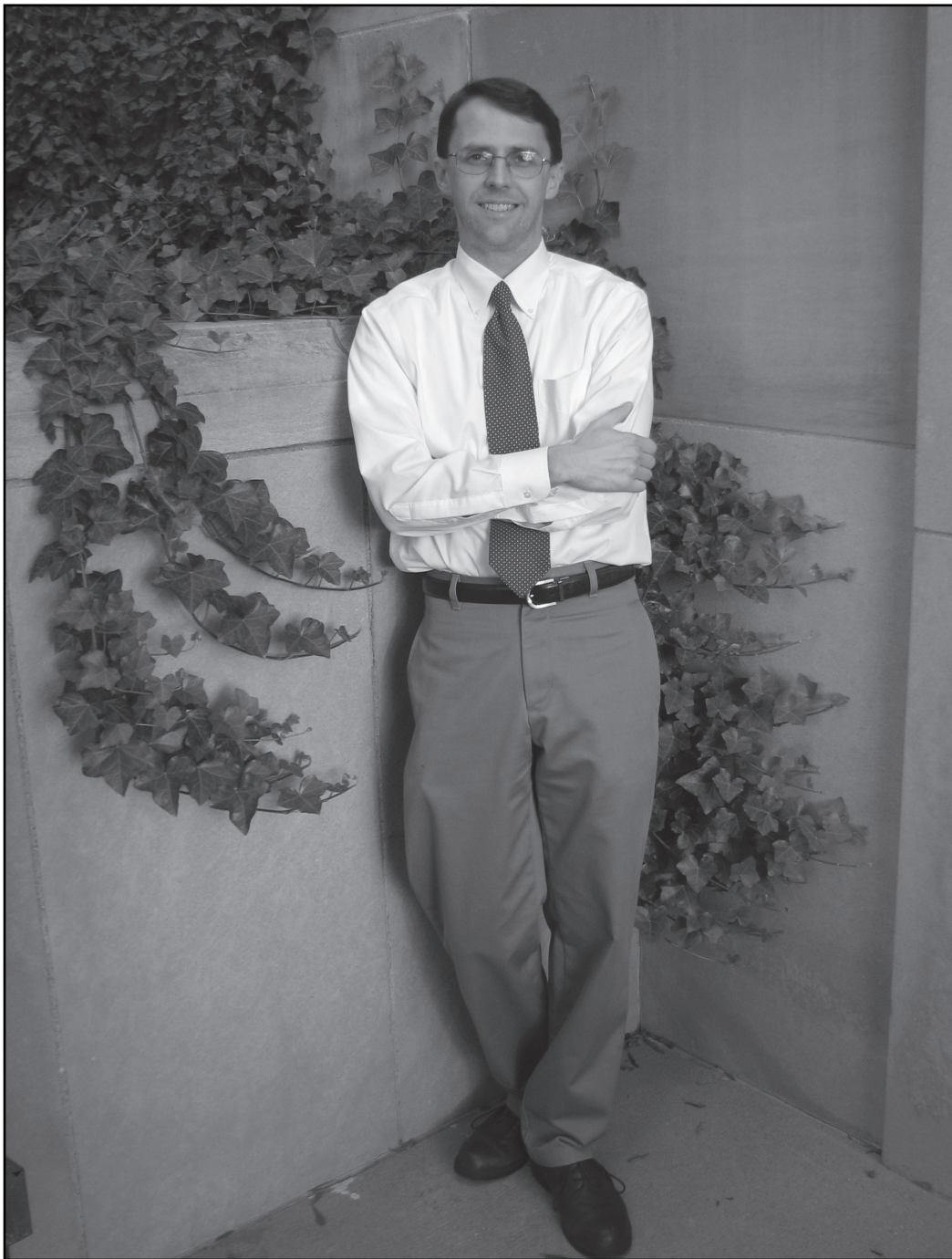
greatest leaders throughout history recognized that the principles we say we value – democracy, respect for individual rights, tolerance for different views – had to be practiced every day in their own time so that they could be preserved for the future. They didn't always get it right, but they kept the dialogue going so that we could continue it to the present day. To me that's what politics is; making sure that those values aren't just found in history books but are put into practice in our current policy decisions.

Q: And what annoys you about politics?

A: In recent years there has been a win-at-all-costs, don't-give-an-inch mentality between the political parties. There has always been partisanship, and it isn't unusual for the rhetoric to get very heated, but there used to be an understanding that eventually conflicts would end in some kind of compromise. Now it seems that party leaders are afraid that seeking compromise will be taken as a sign of weakness. I really hope the next generation of leaders will have a better appreciation for real bipartisanship.

Q: I often hear people

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The results are in: Homecoming wrap-up

Sara McIntosh
Viewpoints Editor

After much ado about Homecoming, many organizations celebrated their victories in the activities held during this often chaotic week.

Sigma Chi won first place in the fraternity division of Lip Sync with Alpha Gamma Rho winning second place. Sigma Chi also won the Best in Show award as well. For the sorority division, Chi Omega won first and was best in show with Alpha Omicron Pi winning second.

Pi Kappa Alpha won both best in show and first place in the Pyramid Event. Sigma Alpha Epsilon earned second place in the fraternity competition. For the sorority category, Chi Omega won first place and best in show with Alpha Delta Pi winning second place.

The participants for Alpha Gamma Rho defeated Kappa Alpha to maintain their championship in the ropepull competition. Chi Omega defeated Zeta Tau Alpha to win the championship. For the first time in event history, the open category was won by the Softball team after they defeated the Phi Sig Sweethearts.

Ms. Katie Lynn Beasley was crowned Homecoming Queen at the game on Saturday. Beasley was sponsored



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Katie Lynn Beasley, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority, was crowned homecoming queen at Saturday's game. Monic Collins, sponsored by Alpha Omicron Pi, took second. Shyteria Dunlap, sponsored by PRSSA, took third.

by her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. Monica Collins of Alpha Omicron Pi was crowned the first maid and Shyteria Dunlap sponsored by the Public Relations Student Society of America was crowned the second maid.

The sisterhood of Sigma Alpha won the banner competition with Sigma Chi receiving second in this

event.

The UTM chapter of Phi Beta Sigma won the NPHC step show in the fraternity division. A chapter of Zeta Phi Beta from a different school won in the sorority division.

The football team won its very first win of the season during this Homecoming week. Students and even or-

ganizers across campus can take a deep breath and wait for next year. Meanwhile, the Fall Break holiday appears to be the number one concern for most students on this campus.

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UTM spawns new club

Bass club competes in national contests, changes leadership

Ashley Totty
Staff Writer

UTM students' interest in bass fishing has spawned a new club.

The idea for a UTM Bass Club began last spring and this fall the club was set up and recognized as an official organization. Thomas Blanchard is the faculty mentor for the club, although sophomore member Chris Collier expressed his sentiments that "he knows nothing about fishing." The club encompasses 15 members: seven "boaters" and eight "non-boaters." "Boaters" are members of the club who own boats and are willing to use their personal boats for the club. "Non-boaters" are members who do not have a boat to contribute to the club but ride along with boaters to complete the team. Each team is made up of two members of the club: one boater and one non-boater.

The club has elected leaders, but apparently leadership has had some issues.

"Next meeting we may be

voting out our vice president," said Collier, "He turned out not to be a good leader." The officers are Houston Smith, president; Ben Belew, current vice president; Michael Keatts, secretary; and Braden Maddox, treasurer.

Recently the club sent two teams to the national collegiate tournament in Texas. Smith and Collier placed 36th out of 83 teams present at the tournament. The other team in attendance consisted of Belew and member Matt Tubbs, who placed 41st in the tournament. The national competition is the only official tournament that the club has competed in; however, they have hosted about 10 interclub competitions.

The only restriction to joining the club is that, for the sake of forming teams, the club needs an equal amount of boaters and non-boaters. Currently the club is in need of another boater. If you are interested in joining the club, contact Smith, at 931-237-3995.

Back and here to stay, Austin's Pizza finally re-opens doors



AMBER NIBLOCK/ The Pacer

Amber Niblock
Pacer Writer

Prayers of Austin's Pizza lovers everywhere are being answered.

Austin's Pizza, a local pizzeria that closed over the summer due to problems concerning the lease, is set to re-open Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 4 p.m.

The decision to re-open came after the owner of the building out of which the pizzeria is operated, Michael Day, decided to renegotiate the lease.

"I'm glad to be back in Martin. I never wanted to leave in the first place, but business is business. This is my home though, and I'm here to stay," said Austin Wyatt, owner and operator of the pizzeria.

Local businesses and students also expressed their excitement at the return of Austin's Pizza.

"It is about time," said Erik Markin, owner and operator of BDX Coffee Shop located near Austin's. "Austin not making pizza is like Egyptian ma-

sons building mobile homes. We've missed him, and his product. He is a good friend and Martin is lucky to have his business."

Although excitement builds as the buzz of the return circulates among UTM students, the reopening does come with a small price tag. Before reopening, a few minor changes in the menu had to be made. But fear not: the hot wing and godfather pizzas many have grown to love will still keep their places on the menu. But as a result of the increase in food prices, Austin's Pizza menu will suffer a slight price increase and pizza by the slice will only be served until 2 p.m.; afterwards all pizzas will be sold at their regular sizes or by the new 8" size.

The friendly employees that the UTM community had become used to serving them at Austin's will also be back, said Wyatt. Plans to expand Austin's Pizza in the near future are also among the owner's plans.

College students need sleep, studies say

Lindsey Matheny
Pacer Writer

For most college students, the doctor-recommended eight hours of sleep is but a dream.

Researchers have long criticized students for their unhealthy sleeping habits, not helped by studying late, drinking too much coffee—and other things—and not scheduling classes until noon to accommodate party schedules.

After studying and having a social life, sleep's at the bottom of the list. But once upon a mattress, students got sleep. Some scientists blame hectic 21st century lifestyles.

Recent studies have shown that about 20 percent of college students suffer from sleeping disorders, including insomnia.

The studies suggest an unusual schedule is the primary culprit for bad sleep.

Most studies suggest that our bodies need at least six to eight hours of sleep to function properly. For a college student this means possibly eliminating an activity that they are not willing to give up. After going to classes and working part of the day, a student usually needs time to study and do homework or be a part of a social event.

When the day is almost over and most of your time is spent on activities that have to be done, most students need some leisure time to relax. Usually this time interferes with stu-

dent's sleep patterns, causing a lack of much needed time for sleep. The lack of this sleep contributes to drowsiness during the day, a weakened immune system and a variety of other problems.

Here are some questions that you can ask yourself about your sleep patterns:

Do you always feel drowsy?

Do you have difficulty staying awake even while you are doing activities you enjoy?

Are you working or studying late at night on a regular basis?

There are a variety of solutions to eliminate this problem. Following these tips can help students utilize the time that they have set aside for sleep.

According to the National Sleep Foundation, here are a few ways to help your body get the proper amount of rest each day:

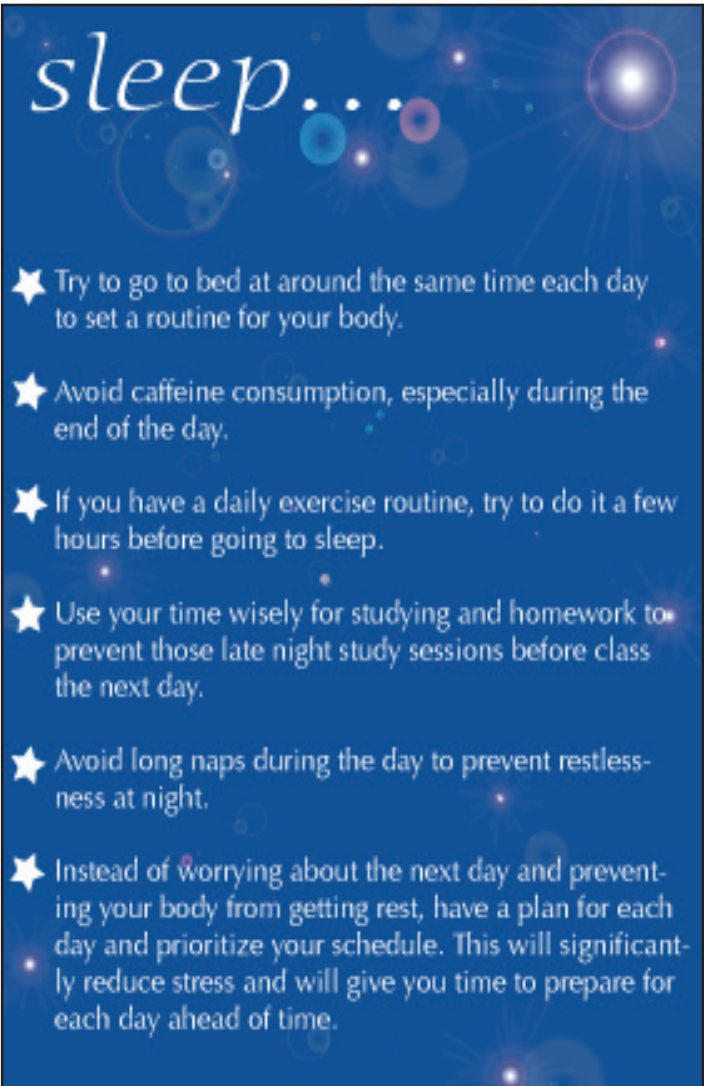
Try to go to bed at around the same time each day to set a routine for your body.

Avoid caffeine consumption, especially during the end of the day.

If you have a daily exercise routine, try to do it a few hours before going to sleep.

Use your time wisely for studying and homework to prevent those late night study sessions before class the next day.

Avoid long naps during the day to prevent restlessness at night.



Instead of worrying about the next day and preventing your body from getting rest, have a plan for each day and prioritize your schedule. This will significantly reduce stress and will give you time to prepare for each day ahead of time.

College students cannot avoid the lack of sleep, especially because their lives are so hectic. It is always im-

portant that the amount of sleep that students receive is enough to sustain the health of their bodies even though they may practice an unhealthy lifestyle. Every student is different and they have their own routine and schedule. It should always be a top priority to get the right amount of sleep.

Riding: Continued from Cover

this bill is that it's not your grandfather's bottle bill, it's very evolved when you consider all of the benefits attached to it," Davis said.

A deposit program meets its strongest opposition in the Southeast, Davis said, where recycling rates are low and beverage distributors are economically powerful.

The bill in Tennessee would allow for redemption centers to be federally funded and run by small businesses and would not be targeted at aesthetic improvement of roads and places with high volumes of litter, although reduction in litter is one of the many byproducts of this bill, she said.

"I decided I would do this ride while I was walking my lab, Twinkle, around the neighborhood and picking up trash. ... I thought, you know, if I could take Twinkle with me all around the state we'd really be able to reach the citizens and make them aware of the bottle bill," Davis said.

About half of Tennessee's litter is plastic and aluminum, principally used to hold beverages.

The proposed bill can be explained within a 6 step process:

Step 1: The distributor pays the state a 5 cents deposit for each beverage to be sold in Tennessee and pays the state a 3 cents handling fee.

Step 2: The Distributor gets back his 5 cents when he sells the product to a retailer (stores).

Step 3: The retailer gets back their 5 cents when the product is sold to a customer.

Step 4: The customer gets back his 5 cents when they redeem their empty container at a certified redemption center.

Step 5: The redemption center owner gets back his 5 cents when he submits an invoice to the state. If the container is recycled by the redemption center, the state provides a 3 cents handling fee.

Step 6: The redemption center owner either sells or gives the empty containers to a recycler or third-party handler.

Davis said states with deposit programs also have a higher rate of general recycling; studies have shown more people recycle other material like cardboard and paper.

Oregon was the first state to pass bottle deposit legislation in 1971, and 10 other states have followed suit. No Southern states have large-scale deposit programs.

Davis multitasked on her ride through Obion County, west of Martin where Union City is located, calling the Sheriff's Department on the way.

Davis told sheriff's officials she found litter scattered throughout the county—most of which was recyclable aluminum cans or plastic bottles. She told officials funding a bottle bill would double funding for inmate litter collection programs.

Davis said revenue from a bottle deposit program would also increase funding for recycling education.

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don't get involved in politics" Why is that? What can they do if they'd like to start?

A: Young people in their late teens and early twenties are busy getting an education or trying to build a career, and that isn't a bad thing for our country. They are creating an educated and experienced workforce, and they are starting strong families. And though they don't vote as much as other groups, a lot of young folks volunteer in community projects, which to me is at least as important as the "political" activities that political scientists measure. And that is how I would answer your second question: a great place to be politically active is in your own community. The state and national campaigns get a lot of attention, but there really are plenty of ways to make the world a better place by starting in your own back yard. There will always be opportunities to work your way up from there.

Q: What kinds of things can students get involved with on or off-campus if they're political science majors or even if they're majoring in something else but want to get involved?

A: If campaigning for one of the presidential candidates appeals to you, you should have plenty of opportunities on campus; various campaigns are already signing up volunteers. If you're interested in internships, we have opportunities with state and local governments and in Washington, D.C. Most of these internships are for people of all majors and

backgrounds.

Q: Who interests you in politics? As a Political Science major, it seems like most of the people in our field have a political figure they admire or greatly respect. Who is yours?

A: Probably my biggest political hero is RFK [Robert Francis Kennedy]. Over time his image may have been romanticized a little, but during a time when America was divided against itself in so many ways, here was a figure that seemed to be able to bring people together with a positive, hopeful message. In class I joke about my cynicism, and I guess I do come across that way sometimes, but I think mainly I'm just frustrated that we have so few people who are able to succeed in politics today with that kind of message.

Q: Why do politicians get such a bad rap? People find politics reprehensible but aren't willing to jump into the process and change things. Why?

A: I truly believe that most politicians are very smart and very principled, and most of them sincerely want to make the world better. The reality is that it is much easier to be successful in politics by following certain established rules – for instance, you can't win the election without winning the money chase, and you can't stay in office by talking about unpopular or unattractive issues. I'm not the first person to say this, but it really is sort of a catch-22: doing those things is the politically smart thing to do for your own career, but do-

ing those things will never break the public's image that moneyed interests run Washington, and they will never provide real answers to fixing problems like Social Security, the deficit, or the rising costs of health care.

Q: Any predictions for the 2008 presidential race?

A: We will have never seen anything quite like it. With so many primaries being held early next year, both parties will likely have picked their nominees by March, so both nominees will probably have eight months to take shots at each other. The candidates on both sides have already set records for fundraising, so there will be plenty of money and plenty of time to run negative ads against each other. Each side will have to come up with a strategy that wins their side points without letting the electorate get bored, alienated, or just plain tired after so many months of campaigning.

Q: Lastly: if you weren't a Political Science professor, what would you be?

A: If I had any skills in math or physics at all, I would have seriously considered being an astronomer. Outside of my political science classes, Dr. David Loebbaka's astronomy classes were the most interesting experiences I had as an undergraduate. Dr. Crews is doing a great job now, so I'll stick to being a backyard astronomer and leave the equations to him.

Chambers also said SGA's judicial branch is working to put together a workshop on legal issues affecting college students.

SGA has passed a resolution discouraging defacing student organizations' fliers, but it hasn't yet passed any binding legislation this term.

Plunge: Continued from Cover

our bills because we couldn't get a job," Masengill said. He resorted to bartering for bus tickets because the office closed after someone tried to rob the transit authority.

"We're going to be late for school," one of his "children" said. "Hurry up, the cops are over there."

Police patrolled the Duncan Ballroom, which became an inner-city slum, looking for children who weren't in school. But without bus tickets, the elementary-aged children had no way to get there.

After finally getting a bus ticket, Masengill tried to get the \$292 welfare check to pay utilities, \$200 rent and a \$50 bank loan for a used couch and stove. But the office was closed, the second week ended, and the Guten family was left without bus tickets, food or any way to pay the bills.

A shifty woman carrying far too many newspapers under her arms noticed the family's despair, standing in the center of the ballroom devising a plan for making ends meet and avoiding truancy agents.

The woman told them if they'd make a "delivery" for her, they'd get the \$3 bus tickets needed to get back on track. Lindsey, acting as the child, turned the woman down at first, but left with no other option, the family later made the newspaper delivery—with

crack cocaine inside—for a quick buck.

With bus tickets in hand, Masengill tried to get his welfare check, which required more bus tickets.

"Go find the woman that sells crack," Lindsey, his "son," said.

But while the Gutens avoided being arrested on truancy charges, they were put in the slammer for the rest of the week for trafficking drugs, which gave the family a chance to formulate a game plan.

"We have three bus tickets," Lindsey said. "We're going to pay our bills at the end of the month when we get out of jail. We'll be fine. We won't sell crack next week."

Masengill spent a week caught in red tape at the welfare office while his "children" were roaming the streets finding money wherever they could find it.

"They're just walking around," Masengill said. "They're not going to school because they don't have the tickets for it."

"I stole a Social Security card," Lindsey said. "I'm going to try to sell it and tell them they can get welfare with it."

Masengill pleaded with a welfare case worker after filling out days' worth of paperwork.

"I'm about to throw something," he said. "We need this money."

After finally getting the

money to pay his rent—and after the bank took out \$100 in past-due fees and made him go back to the welfare office to double-check the check—Masengill had just enough to pay his rent, but not before being evicted.

At the end of the month, the family was homeless. They weren't even able to cash in their food stamps because they had no way of getting either to the grocery or neighborhood food pantry. The kids hadn't been to school in three weeks, but they somehow escaped the truancy officer.

Masengill said he still believes people should mostly be responsible for their own well-being, but he realizes the importance of "(welfare) programs like this."

"It really drives home the impact of poverty," he said after the simulation ended. "It certainly helps me empathize."

Some families at the simulation were more fortunate than his.

Some were able to feed their children, buy them medicine and during a good week, send them to school.

Others, like Student Government Association President Erin Chambers, who also participated in the simulation, descended into drugs, theft and running from the police.

"I was selling drugs just so I could get to the bank to cash a check," Chambers said.

Guns: Continued from Cover

number of years.

"I think our role should be listening to students," Chambers said. "I'm really pretty neutral. It's my job to enforce what students want."

Chambers said Diversity Week, scheduled for Nov. 5-9, is on top of SGA's agenda, along with keeping tabs

on the construction of a nearly \$13 million student recreation center to be paid for with student fees.

"Pretty much what we're doing is feeling out what students want," Chambers said. "Someone will be here at our next (Senate) meeting to fill us in on how that's coming."

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10/08/2007 at 12:39 a.m.
University Village– Mr. Matthew R. Clements was issued a citation for simple possession of schedule VI. (General Sessions)

10/08/2007 at 1:37 a.m.
Browning - There was a report of a disturbance. Officers responded and referred them to Student Affairs.

10/08/2007 at 2:55 p.m.
Lot 1 – Mr. Nicholas K. Lucas was issued a citation for seat belt violation. (City Court)

10/08/2007 at 4:43 p.m.
Lot 2 – There was a traffic accident involving two vehicles. Mr. Mason T.Floyd was issued a citation for failure to provide proof of insurance. (General Sessions)

10/09/2007 at 8:46 a.m.
Lot 18 – There was a report of a tree branch that had fallen and damaged two vehicles.

10/09/2007 at 9:51 a.m
Elam Center- There was a report of a subject that passed out and officers and emergency personnel responded. The subject was treated on the scene and transported by EMS.

10/09/2007 at 11:46 p.m.
Raven St.- Mr. Jeffery T. Girten was issued a citation for a stop sign violation. (City Court)

10/10/2007 at 12:22 a.m.
University Village- There was a report of a disturbance. Officers responded and referred subjects to Student Affairs.

10/10/2007 at 1:52 p.m.
Elam Center- There was a report of a fire alarm sounding. Officers and MFD responded and determined the alarm to be false. The alarm was reset.

10/10/2007 at 3:10 p.m.
Humanities - The subject reported theft of

personal property. (Investigation Continues.)

10/11/2007 at 1:17 p.m.
Crisp- The subject reported the loss of his university key.

10/12/2007 at 12:43 a.m.
Browning- There was a report of a visitation violation. Officers responded and referred subject to Student Affairs.

10/12/2007 at 10:46 a.m.
Browning- There was a report of a visitation violation. Officers responded and referred subject to Student Affairs.

10/13/2007 at 3:40 a.m.
University Village- Ms. Katherine A. Swann and Ms.Courtney R. Risner were referred to Student Affairs to be placed on the alchol first offenders list.

10/13/2007 at 5:44 p.m.
Moody St.- Mr. Cainan B. Gatewood was issued citations for driving on a revoked license and violation of registration.

10/13/2007 at 9:35 p.m.
Elam Center- There was a report of a subject that had fallen and officers and emergency personnel responded. The subject was treated and transported by EMS.

10/14/2007 at 1:52 a.m
Cooper- Ms. Sharen L. Henderson was arrested for public intoxication.

10/14/2007 at 1:59 a.m.
University Courts- Ms. Courtney R. Thornton was arrested for domestic assault.

10/14/2007 at 7:04 p.m.
Church St. - There was a traffic accident involving two vehicles.

10/14/2007 at 8:29 p.m.
Lot 19- There was a traffic accident involving two vehicles.

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Hall Council Mixer
Browning, Ellington, and Cooper Hall Councils are hosting a mixer in the courtyard of Cooper dorms on the 26th of October at 6:30p.m. It is luau-themed-there will be decorations and food galore! It is \$2.00 for non-Hall Council card holders, and \$1.00 for those with a Hall Council card. BRING YOUR HALL COUNCIL CARDS!!! ASK

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Pacer Meetings
Want to write for the student newspaper? Pacer meetings are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in Gooch 309. Come sign up for a story so that you can see your byline in next week's issue of the student newspaper.

Reformed University Fellowship
Reformed University Fellowship will be having Bible study, Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in University Center room 111.

Graduate School Workshop

Deadline is October 26; GSW is November 3rd at 8 am at the McCombs Honors Center; cost

is \$5 due to McCombs Honors Center Tests include: MCAT, PCAT, OAT, GRE, GMAT, and LSAT

ALLIES
The campus support group for gay,lesbian,bisexual,transgender and straight students, meets at Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Sociology 102.

Beanswitch Art Show
Show will be Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. on the second floor of Fine Arts. There will be a poetry reading. Artists who bring their work will automatically be submitted to the literary arts magazine. Submission deadline will be Oct. 19 for other art and printed material.

BACK

IN THE DAY



BY KAREN LANGDON
AND CHARLIE MCINTOSH

1990

- The Rolling Stones go on their first tour of Japan.
- Madonna opens her landmark Blond Ambition Tour in Tokyo.
- Mariah Carey releases her debut single, "Vision of Love".
- Céline Dion makes her English-language debut.
- Styx records a new album after a 7-year hiatus.

1991

- Janet Jackson signs a \$30 million contract with Virgin Records, becoming the highest paid female recording artist in history.
- Metallica releases "Metallica", their most successful album.

1992

- The Grunge movement is started when Nirvana's album "Nevermind" goes to #1.
- Mary J. Blige makes her debut.

1993

- Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You" becomes the longest running #1 single of all time at 14 weeks.
- Aerosmith releases "Get a Grip," their first album to debut at #1.
- Nirvana releases their final studio album, "In Utero".

1994

- Nirvana's lead singer, Kurt Cobain, commits suicide.
- Weezer releases their debut album.
- Frank Sinatra receives the Grammy Awards Lifetime Achievement award.

1995

- Alanis Morissette releases her breakthrough album "Jagged Little Pill."
- Jerry Garcia dies of a heart attack while in drug rehab, and the Grateful Dead decide to disband.
- The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opens in Cleveland.
- MP3 files begin to flourish on the Internet.

1996

- Kiss's original members reunite for a surprise appearance on the American Music Awards.
- The Sex Pistols announce that they are reuniting for a 20th anniversary tour.
- Phil Collins announces that he is leaving Genesis to focus on his solo career.
- The Ramones play their last ever show at Lollapalooza.

1997

- David Bowie performs his 50th Birthday Bash the day after his birthday at Madison Square Garden.
- Paul McCartney is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.
- Limp Bizkit release their debut album, "Three Dollar Bill Y'all"

1998

- Elton John is knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.
- Madonna begins her comeback album, "Ray of Light."
- Britney Spears makes her debut with "Baby One More Time."

1999

- The Backstreet Boys release "Millennium," the first album to sell over 500,000 copies in 2 weeks.
- Jennifer Lopez releases her debut album "On the 6."
- Christina Aguilera releases her self-titled debut album.

Source: www.wikipedia.com

TOP BILLBOARD SONGS OF THE 90'S

1990	Hold On (Wilson Phillips)
1991	I Do It For You (Bryan Adams)
1992	End of the Road (Boyz II Men)
1993	I Will Always Love You (Whitney Houston)
1994	Ace of Base (The Sign)
1995	Gangsta's Paradise (Coolio)
1996	Macarena (Los Del Rio)
1997	Candle in the Wind (Elton John)
1998	Too Close (Next)
1999	Believe (Cher)
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NIRVANA

By the beginning of the 1990s rock airwaves had become oversaturated with hairspray-ridden metal bands. In 1992, however, the songs about sex and cars were buried with the rise of a new movement in rock music in what rock journalists dubbed "grunge." Nirvana, while somewhat unconcerned with their newly earned fame, carried the banner for this slow, distorted, powerful movement in music. With Kurt Cobain's abrasive vocals and songwriting abilities, Nirvana was the sound of a new generation, not easily satisfied by regurgitated metal songs about sex, drugs, and cars.



ALANIS MORISSETTE

Of all the powerful female vocalists to arise in the 1990s, Alanis Morissette was the one that came seemingly from out of nowhere. With contemplative numbers such as "Ironie" and "Hand in my Pocket," Alanis was more than just a pretty face but also an incredible musician. Alanis was at the forefront of a movement of other female songwriters who had just as much to say politically as their male counterparts.



MARIAH CAREY

With a vocal range that could kill a cat, Mariah Carey was able to successfully combine her incredible vocal abilities with an urban sensibility. Dominating the charts with pop hits such as "Hero," "Daydream," and "Honey," Mariah Carey attracted all demographics with her beauty, style, and sheer talent.



METALLICA

While the grunge movement crashed in like a wrecking ball to the Billboard charts, metal was struggling hard. Many thought it was a relic of the 1980s, until Metallica released their self-titled "Black" album. If grunge was a wrecking ball, Metallica was a panzer tank running over its opposition. With the metal anthem "Enter Sandman" dominating the rock charts, and such classic ballads as "Unforgiven" and "Nothing Else Matters," Metallica earned a place in history as one of the most important metal bands of all time.

Have fun with these fast and frugal fall break festivities

Amanda Carr
Pacer Writer

If you're like most college students, most of the time loads of cash are hard to come by. This being the case, when fall break comes around and you have two extra days to do whatever, it is likely that some activities which are inexpensive and fun will be just the trick to celebrate the end of midterms and the beautiful

fall weather. For those of you who love to fish, area lakes are really beautiful this time of year, and the weather is just right for being out on the lake all day. All you need is a spot, a pole, and some bait and this will make for a very fun and relaxing day. Add in some friends and snacks and this day just got better. October is also the perfect time of year for camping and bonfires. If you or

any of your friends have a place at home to camp, that is the ideal situation, however there are always state parks or lakes available. If you are camping at home in an open field and you have permission to light a bonfire, make sure that you take every safety precaution necessary for having a fun but safe night. Likewise, with fishing, adding friends and food to this makes for an even better

night. Sometimes October weather can be cold and rainy, so in those situations it is always fun to stay in and catch up on the latest DVD releases. If you and your friends each only get one DVD, you can spend hours relaxing and having a great time. "Knocked Up" is new on DVD and is a sure favorite. If you are not into the outdoors but also not wanting

to stay in, there are always concerts and comedy acts available that in most cases are less than an hour away. Small local bands playing in bars are free or close to free, and are always fun. Like any activity, friends play an important role. So go together and have a blast. Though gas prices are astronomical and a road trip seems like a really silly consideration, if you have

a decent-size car and four or five friends who will all pitch in, you can spend a couple of hours exploring and sight-seeing. Take along the makings of a picnic and your afternoon will be complete. For really no more than ten to twenty dollars you can enjoy a day of fun with friends and the last little bit of beautiful October weather.



STACIE SIMMONS/The Pacer
Works by Joanna Hite, Jason Woolery and Corey Smith are featured in the current Senior Art Exhibit located in the Fine Arts Building. The exhibit will run through October 21 and includes photography, drawings and ceramics.

Senior art exhibit boasts variety

Artists share unique takes on media, mood and inspiration

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

The latest Senior Art Exhibit for aspiring UTM artists opened last Tuesday to a full house at the Fine Arts Building, with the pieces remaining on display for the next few weeks. The newest addition to the series of displays features three different Fine Arts students with unique styles and influences, each with hopes of gaining notoriety from their first major exhibit. Friends, family members, and faculty packed the building to show their support for seniors Joanna Hite, Jason Woolery, and Corey Smith. Each of the three seniors prepared a diverse gallery of works to showcase their talents in various areas including studio paintings, ceramics, and graphic design. Hite, a Graphic Design major from Clarksville, Tenn., was happy to display her accumulation of works from her time spent at UTM. When asked about her influences, Hite wasn't afraid to admit the intended practicality of her works, listing philosopher Emmanuel Kant as one of her influences. "Most of my work draws from the real world," said Hite. "You should be disinterested in the actual figure and more

focused on composition." A native of Brentwood, Tenn., Corey Smith isn't afraid to admit that some of her biggest influences are the relationships and friendships developed within her own life. "For me, it's all about life and friendships," said Smith, an Art Education major. "Many of the ideas for my artwork develop from inside jokes with my friends and family." One piece titled "Secnarf" portrays four close friends of Smith's whom she promised to showcase in one of her works. In addition to the variety of works presented by Smith and Hite, Woolery unveiled his culmination of ceramic pieces at last week's opening. "I mostly look for textures and contrasts," said the St. Louis native who later moved to Dyersburg. "I look for anything you can put into a piece visually for quality." A collection of ceramic works titled "Saggar" is the display that Woolery is the most proud of, emphasizing his skills at pottery. The artistic abilities of Hite, Smith, and Woolery will remain on display until the end of the month. All students and faculty are welcome, in addition to any other art lovers who may be interested.

Radiohead's latest effort sure to score

Fans need not fret over affordability

Jay Baker
Managing Editor

Radiohead's latest release, "In Rainbows," sets new precedents for both the sound of Radiohead and the music industry. "In Rainbows" was available only as a DRM-free download from the band's Web site. The catch: fans could pay whatever they wanted for the album. Some chose to pay nothing, but some paid as much as \$1,000. There were no singles, no ad campaigns, just a great release. Great may even be an understatement. "In Rainbows" manages to be a nostalgic trip into the familiar sounds of Radiohead and a semi-new take on the band's near-patented sound. The first track, "15 Step," hits you with a visceral, primitive electronica that transitions into the pristine, smooth guitar styling of band members Colin Greenwood and Ed O'Brien. All the while, frontman Thom Yorke's wails and melodic yet melancholy vocals blend with and haunt the track throughout. "Bodysnatchers" doesn't



disappoint either. The driving, almost vicious, guitars push this track along with Yorke's vocals delivering fitting and poignant lyrics, "Check the pulse / Blink your eyes / One for yes / Two for no." This grabs hold and won't let go. Listening to "Bodysnatchers" is the most fulfilling experience of the whole album, especially for fans that have been waiting for their Radiohead fix. The band really shines here in a very satisfying way. Starting with "Nude," the album descends into a se-

rene, no frills journey of the melodic melancholy that is Radiohead. "In Rainbows" is a very subtle album, and it can be easy to miss out on the many nuances that make this one great. It's different enough from their other albums to satisfy, but not so different that you ever forget you're listening to Radiohead. Basically, if "OK Computer" is your favorite Radiohead album, "In Rainbows" won't disappoint. Definitely give this one a listen. It's not as if you can't afford it.

Night of big hair and hairy legs



SARA MCINTOSH/The Pacer
Above left: Ivana Leigha, sponsored by Alpha Tau Omega, won the Public Relations Student Society of America's annual Miss Understood womanless beauty review. Above right: Chantal DesChampse, sponsored by the French Society, won second maid and best talent.



SARA MCINTOSH/The Pacer
Left: Dolly, sponsored by Leaders in Residence, won first maid and created a sensation with her ability to maintain composure while her skirt slipped down, revealing her plaid boxers. Right: Delana Snowball, sponsored by Sigma Phi Epsilon, performed a ballet dance to Creed's 'With Arms Wide Open' in a pink ballerina outfit.



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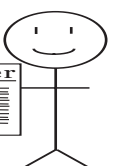

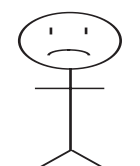
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From the Geek Corner
Social networks provide
new, unique opportunities

Yesterday Mark Zuckerberg, founder and CEO of Facebook, was named the most influential person in technology by a panel put together by silicon.com. Zuckerberg, the face behind the book, was among an intelligent and ambitious group which upgraded our generation's text-laden Internet to the flashy user-driven web 2.0 we have today.

Nothing, however, epitomizes the meaning of a "buzz" word more so these days then "Web 2.0."

However, many still question its meaning. MySpace, Facebook, Digg, LinkedIn—even if you don't know what Web 2.0 is you have surely been doing your part to participate. Social Web sites which are driven by user generated content, which is Web 2.0—or at least its largest aspect.

The question then is what lies ahead for the World Wide Web. Its exponential growth makes it quite unpredictable. The next cutting edge site or service offered on the Web—e.g. the next Facebook—could assumably lead the world in a direction which no one could predict it would go.

However, some have predicted the agent which will burst the Web 2.0 bubble and that agent is us.

According to Seth Porges, self-proclaimed "futurist" for major technology website Crunchgear.com, "And that is why the Web 2.0 era



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Technology
columnist

will come to end sooner rather than later. Because if there is one immutable law of humankind, it is that we are really, really lazy."

Let's face it, Porges has a point. He goes on to rhetorically ask the readers when they last updated their Xanga blog. I will

"With the
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also admit, the more social networks I become a part of, the less attention they all get in general and I don't believe it would be a stretch to say that this is the case for most of us.

However, I am going to have to respectfully disagree with Porges' thesis that general laziness will defeat socially driven content. Because of sites like Facebook and YouTube our generation now has a medium to do what no other generation has had the ability to do—connect.

With the power to connect we also have the power to change each other's lives, to inspire large masses and to interact with a global community like never before.

I challenge everyone to rejuvenate their interests in their favorite sites and stem the tide of general apathy generally bestowed upon our generation in an effort to prove the virtues of a connected world.



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Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

Social networking is important to all of us. While grade point averages and portfolios are extremely important to any career, getting your foot in the door can come right down to who you know.

While many feel that Web sites such as Facebook and Myspace are distractions to the youth, the benefits of making friends across the country cannot be denied.

As a result, new social networking sites are popping up all of the time. PlayboyU.com, a social networking brought to us by the famous (or infamous) Playboy magazine, is one of these new additions.

PlayboyU is the latest addition to the social networking community focusing on college students exclusively.

So what are the benefits of becoming a member of this exclusive social networking site? For starters, the site is exclusive to students, so you don't have to worry about creepy non-college

students trying to hit on you or password theft.

Features of the site include newscasts, forums, free advice columns for students on relationship and school issues, and student and faculty blogs.

PlayboyU doesn't offer too much more than competing sites like Myspace or Facebook. What truly makes it special is the student base. Being a part of PlayboyU gives college students a feeling that they're at home on the Web.

To become a member of the site you simply need an email address with a .edu domain and a little bit of patience. Any other email address isn't accepted, and the site is still exclusive to those it sends invites to (although this usually only takes about 24 hours).

This Web site focuses all of its attention on the college population, faculty or student, offering high quality features and special coverage that isn't offered anywhere else on the Web. PlayboyU is worth a look.

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A landmark in nanotechnology catches a Nobel prize

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

The Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to two wizards of nanotechnology for their contributions to the computer world, helping to give us such pieces of hardware as the iPod.

In Sweden the illustrious prize was awarded to two scientists, Frenchman Albert Fert and German Peter Grünberg. The two scientists were responsible for discovering a new physical effect called Giant Magnetoresistance, or GMR, in 1988.

This discovery indirectly led to increased memory

capabilities in hardware, giving us such products as the iPod and Zune.

In 1988, GMR was independently discovered by a research team led by Peter Grünberg of the Jülich Research Centre.

While Grünberg owns the patent, the group of Albert Fert of the University of Paris-Sud first saw the large effect in multilayers that led to its naming, and first correctly explained the underlying physics to the scientific community.

Due to the combined efforts of these two independently run research programs, the knowledge base was set for the develop-

ment of new tools used for reading hard disks. These tools allow the electronics industry to use smaller and smaller disks over time.

GMR is a phenomenon revolving around magnetic changes. These weak magnetic shifts give rise to electric resistance in GMR systems. Systems like these are ideal for reading data from hard disks when information has to be converted to an electric current.

The GMR effect was unveiled due to new techniques resulting in the production of thin layers of different materials developed during the 1970s. In order for GMR to work,

structures consisting of microscopic layers have to be produced.

For this reason, GMR is considered a landmark in the budding field of nanotechnology.

Nanotechnology is an applied science that focuses on the development and control of matter on the molecular or atomic level. Ideally, it is the fabrication of devices smaller than 1 micrometer.

The achievement of these two scientists has broken a streak of American wins from 2000 to 2006 that saw 20 people awarded the physics prize, of whom 16 were U.S. citizens.

tired of
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and
facebook?

While social networks are great, sometimes the hassle of applications and security threats can really annoy you. That's why there's Ning, a website where you can not only keep in touch with friends, but also set up the social network the way you want to.

Yet another social networking site. Virb won't assault your computer with annoying page layouts and graphics. The interface is simple and straightforward, making Virb one of the best social networking websites on the web.

Orkut is a basic social networking site without any of the sluggishness you might find on Myspace. You can sign in quickly using your Google account, and can share your files and photos with anyone on the network.

Pownce is a website for sending messages, files, links, and events to your friends. Pownce lets you create a network of the people you know and then you can share stuff with all of them, a few of them, or just one in a really quick and easy manner.

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Rockstar's ManHunt 2 stirs controversy

Charlie McIntosh
Technology Editor

The ultraviolet video game Manhunt 2, a presentation of RockStar Games, is leaving a trail of controversy and lawsuits during its troubled trek towards an October 31 release.

The action thriller developed for the Wii, Playstation 2, and PSP consoles has gained much unwanted attention from critics and certification firms due to its gory imagery and brutal gameplay.

Rock Star's latest title was

originally scheduled for a July release by the Take-Two organization due to certification problems in other countries.

The trouble (or publicity joyride) for Manhunt 2 all began when the British Board of Film Classification, or BBFC, banned the sale of the game in the UK.

As a result of this motion, other countries such as Ireland and Italy have followed suit.

While the status of the game in Europe has been dangling from a thread for months, an equal amount of

uncertainty surrounds the brutal epic in the United States.

The game was initially given an Adults Only, or AO, rating. Last August, Rock Star games attempted to get the game back on major vendors' shelves by submitting a modified version.

This second version of the game was offered to the United States video game rating commission with less violence than the original. The milder version of the game was approved with the less notorious "Mature" rating, and is set for an October 31 release in the United States as approved by the ESRB.

For the British Isles the wait may still be longer, as the BBFC has banned the revised version of the game as well. Whether or not the ESRB in the United States will follow suit with a second banning is yet to be determined.

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Road to Redemption

After going 0-6 the Skyhawks finally pick up a win against Samford

John Summers
Sports Editor

The UTM football team finally put everything together and picked up their first win of the season by defeating the Samford Bulldogs 31-21 for Homecoming on Saturday.

Samford won the coin toss and elected to receive the opening kick off. They were quickly forced into a punting situation; Bulldog punter Tyler Baker could not get the kick away and was stuffed for a 14 yard loss.

The Skyhawks set up shop deep in Samford territory. Jessie Burton delivered a 20 yard gain on a reverse on the first play of the drive. Two plays later, quarterback Dexter Anoka pushed the ball into the end zone from a yard out to give UTM an early 7-0 advantage.

Later in the first quarter, the Skyhawk defense came up big and stuffed Samford deep into the own territory. The Bulldogs were forced to punt from their own 5 yard line and Burton returned the kick to the Samford 35 yard line.

Five plays later, Anoka again scampered in for a score, this time from 11 yards out. UTM led 14-0 going into the second quarter.

After the teams exchanged punts, UTM delivered a long drive that resulted in a Tom Hansen field goal from 35 yards away. The Skyhawks led 17-0.

Samford quarterback Jefferson Adcock tried a long pass on the next Bulldog possession. Kevin Rondo intercepted the pass and returned it to mid-field.

UTM struck quickly. Anoka completed a 50 yard



Dexter Anoka (4) picks up a first down in UTM's 31-21 victory over Samford on Saturday. Anoka had two rushing touchdowns in the game and added another one through the air.

bomb to Burton on the first play. The touchdown gave UTM a 24-0 lead, which was the score going into halftime.

After all the halftime Homecoming festivities were over, UTM received the opening kick off of the second half. They drove down the field and tailback Don Chapman capped off a drive in which he had 35 rushing yards with a nice 16 yard touchdown run. This gave the Skyhawks a 31-0 lead.

The Skyhawk defense continued their tenacious play from the first half into the second.

After the defense forced a punt, the offense drove

deep into Samford territory again. However, Anoka fumbled on first-and-goal from the one yard line and Samford recovered at the six.

UTM's next drive (and the first of the fourth quarter) consisted of 14 plays but resulted in the same outcome. Anoka again fumbled on the one yard line.

The Samford offense finally showed some signs of life on their next drive. The Bulldogs drove 80 yards, and Adcock capped off the drive with a six yard touchdown pass to Jonathan Lowery. The PAT attempt was no good, so UTM led 31-6 with only 4:06 left in the game.

Jett leads Skyhawks to OVC win

UTM Athletic
Communications

Senior Sarah Jett turned in a .480 hitting percentage, a team-high 14 kills and nine blocks to lead the UTM to a 3-1 victory over visiting Eastern Kentucky Friday night in Skyhawk Fieldhouse.

With the victory the Skyhawks improve to 3-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference and 9-11 overall.

"We finally saw what we are capable of doing if we don't make mistakes," said Amy Draper, the Skyhawks' third-year head

coach. "Tonight we finally made plays."

Sophomore Lauren Montague turned in a double-double with 13 kills and 12 digs.

The Skyhawks posted a 30-25 victory in the first game and then won game two 30-27. Eastern Kentucky jumped out to a 17-5 lead in the second game, but the Skyhawks came storming back with 16-7 lead. The rally wasn't enough though as EKU claimed a 30-25 win. The Skyhawks claimed the match with a 30-21 decision in the fourth game.

Draper said Jett is the

type of player who learns from every match. "She comes back the next match and uses what she learned," Draper said. "She is developing into a good player."

Amanda Fago led EKU with a .246 hitting percentage and 24 kills. EKU falls to 1-9 in the OVC standings and 2-18 on the year.

The Skyhawks fell short to Morehead State on Saturday, losing 3-0. They will face non-OVC opponent Belmont here on Tuesday at 7 p.m. and will be on the road this weekend.

Seven runners turn in personal bests

UTM Athletic
Communications

The UTM cross country team boosted its confidence level at the Evansville Invitational this past weekend.

Seven of 11 Skyhawk runners turned in personal best times in the meet.

The Evansville Invitational is the last meet before the Ohio Valley Conference championship hosted by Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

In cool temperatures of the calm day, the Skyhawk women finished sixth in the meet with three women running under 20 minutes for five kilometers.

Running in the same order as they have all sea-

son, Shannon Wall led the Skyhawk women with a 19:11 for 19th place out of 124 competitors. She was followed by Allie Proctor with a 19:43, Sarah Jenkins with a 19:59, Lori Taylor with a 20:12 and Wallis Wimbish with a time of 22:12.

On the men's side, Luke Richardson and Paul Thames pushed each other throughout the 5-mile rolling course, obtaining personal bests of 27:40 and 27:46 respectfully.

Rounding out the Skyhawk finishers were Allen Thurman with a 28:59 closely followed by James Thomka's 29:17 and Tyler Robertson's 29:31. The men finished 10th in the meet.

"Seeing all five of our

scoring ladies get their personal bests this weekend was exciting," said Gordon Sanders, the Skyhawks cross country coach. "It raises their confidence and glues the team closer together."

"Certainly last year's No. 1 runner, Paul Thames, needs the confidence booster of getting his best after struggling all season to get back to form," Sanders continued. "Luke Richardson dropping his 5-mile best by another 40 seconds while pulling Paul along through most of the race was another highlight."

The OVC championship is set for Saturday, Oct. 27.

On UTM's next drive, James Pritchard's only pass attempt of the game was picked off by Samford's Kyle Morton, who returned the interception to the UTM 17 yard line.

The Bulldogs quickly scored. Adrian Bradley ran the ball in from a yard out. The Samford two point conversion attempt was successful, and the UTM lead was cut to 31-14.

Samford recovered an on-side kick and drove down the field again. Backup quarterback Dante Williams completed a 25 yard pass to Jeff Moore for a touchdown. This score cut the UTM lead to 10 points late in the game.

UTM recovered Samford's next on-side kick attempt and ran the clock out to win the game 31-21.

The game was not actu-



Don Chapman stretches over the goal line on a 16 yard touchdown run to put UTM up by 31 points.

Seven inducted into UTM athletics Hall of Fame

UTM Athletic
Communications

Five former UTM athletes, as well as one former UTM football coach and one women's basketball official, were inducted into the university's athletics Hall of Fame Saturday.

The inductees included: Jody Fuller (baseball); Michael Hart (men's basketball); Chris Pierce (men's golf); the late Jimmy Willing (men's tennis); Dana Witten (football); former head football coach George MacIntyre; and Dennis Suiter, a former women's basketball official and pioneer in women's collegiate athletics.

Fuller, a right-handed pitcher, played baseball from 1995-98. He holds the UTM all-time career record for most strikeouts (267) and the single-season record for strikeouts (118 in 1998). Fuller also pitched seven complete games during his career at UTM, tied for second on the all-time career list. Fuller was drafted in 1998 in the 42nd round by the Arizona Diamondbacks and played four years in the professional ranks.

Hart played basketball at UTM from 1994-96. He was named the OVC Newcomer of the Year for his efforts during the 1994-95 season

and was an OVC first-team selection for the 1995-96 season. Hart went on to play professional basketball for 10 years in the European First Division, Europe's top professional league. He holds four career records at UTM.

Pierce played golf from 1986-90 at UTM. He was a six-time all-tournament team selection and helped the UTM golfers advance to the NCAA Division II championship tournament three times. Pierce was the 1989 Gulf South Conference Championship medalist and the 1989 Chicago Intercollegiate medalist.

Willing played tennis at UTM from 1982-85. He is UTM's all-time career singles winner with a 92-32 record. Willing won Gulf South Conference singles titles all four years. He also won three doubles titles and helped the team advance to the NCAA Division II national championship. Willing was tragically killed in a scuba-diving accident in 2002.

Witten played football from 1969-72. He earned All-Gulf South and All-District NAIA first-team recognition in 1971. Also in 1971, Witten earned National Player of the Week honors. Witten was the school's leading receiver in

ally as close as the score would lead one to believe.

"We gave up some junk yards late. We made a mistake on special teams. I would like to see them go away," UTM head coach Jason Simpson said. "Overall the defense turned in a good effort."

Don Chapman finished the game with 113 yards on 24 carries and a touchdown. This was the 20th 100-yard game of his career.

Dexter Anoka added three touchdowns, two via the ground.

The Skyhawk defense held Samford to only 30 rushing yards.

"This was not the prettiest win in the world, but who are we to complain about wins right now," Simpson said.

With the win, UTM improves to 1-6 on the year and 1-3 in OVC play. They return to action Saturday when they visit the Eastern Illinois Panthers (4-3, 3-1 OVC). The game begins at 1:30 p.m.

The Skyhawks will have to continue their good play from this week's victory into next week in order to defeat the Panthers.